GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1729
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2015
Railway Station in Smart City
Raj Smt. Krishna

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations proposed to be developed by the Government on the lines of New Delhi Railway Station in mini smart city in the next financial year; and

(b) the time limit prescribed for the implementation of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1729 BY SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2015 REGARDING RAILWAY STATION IN SMART CITY

(a) & (b): Station development on Indian Railways is a continuous exercise. Works pertaining to modernization/upgradation of station are undertaken depending upon identified need, availability of funds, etc. Accordingly, New Delhi station has been developed in various phases.
With a view to make dedicated efforts towards station development, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) was set up in 2012 and has been entrusted with redevelopment of seven stations viz., Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Habibganj (Bhopal), Shivaji Nagar (Pune), Surat, SAS Nagar (Mohali). In addition, one station viz., Gandhinagar has been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) for redevelopment.
Further, to expand the scope of station redevelopment in a big way, it has been decided to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations (about 400 stations) which are generally located in metros, major cities, pilgrimage centres & important tourist destinations, for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas.
Station Redevelopment projects are complex in nature which require detailed techno-economic feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local bodies. Though Railways have been making sustained efforts towards expediting various issues, it is, however, not possible to provide time limit at this stage for completion of these projects.

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